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Fred Stetson came to the University of Montana as swim coach in 1962 and since has produced five Big Sky championship teams.

Stetson teams have won five out of seven conference titles since the Big Sky Conference was formed in 1963. The only two Montana failed to win were the 1964 and 1965 championships when the University of Idaho reigned as fin king.

Last Saturday Stetson's Tip tankmen wrapped up their fifth consecutive title taking ten firsts, five one-two combinations, eight seconds and twelve other places at the conference finals in Pocatello.

Not only did Stetson's crew dominate the top spots, but set four conference and Montana varsity records in doing so.

Stetson regarded Idaho State as the number one contender to the Grizzly dominance in 1970 and the Bengals finished second to Montana. UM swimmers logged 166 points to Idaho State's 149, while Weber finished a distant third with 74 points. Idaho and Gonzaga rounded out the Big Sky competiton.

Junior Kurt von Tagen again was one of the chief reasons Montana won the title. In 1969 he captured three first places and this year he won two individual titles and swam on two relay teams for the Grizzlies.

Von Tagen captured first in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle events, swam the first leg of the 400-yard freestyle relay, which took first also and was on the second finishing 400-yard medley relay squad.

All-American prep star Dave Garard captured three individual firsts, setting one conference and varsity record in the 100-yard butterfly and swam a leg on two relay foursomes.

Not only did Garard, a Missoula native, win the 100-yard butterfly in record breaking time, but nailed down firsts in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly. He also swam on the championship 400-yard freestyle team and the second place medley squad over



Montana's Dave Allen won the one and three meter diving with ease. He scored 392.5 points in the three meter competition and a record setting 417.9 marking in the single meter class.

The Grizzly's Fred Poole again won an individual title. In 1969 Poole captured the 50-yard freestyle event; this year he took second but managed to cop the 100-yard free title. Poole also swam on the championship 400 and 800-yard freestyle relay teams.

Stetson said, "We knew that we'd be strong in the first positions, but we had to have the seconds, thirds and fourths to win. Our kids went out and got those on great efforts. That's what won the championship for us."

Stetson got two seconds apiece from butterfly specialist Jerry Homstad, backstroke ace Craig Jorgenson and freestyler Jim Zaro. Homstad was runnerup in the 100 and 200-yard butterfly while Jorgenson captured seconds in the back events over the same distance and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle. Zaro ended up second in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle and took fourth in the 200-yard medley.

Other Montana finishers were Mark Savage, third in the one meter diving; Pat Tope, fourth in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke; Loren Jacobson, third in the 200-yard breaststroke; Rick Stephens and John Daehn, third and fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke and fifth and sixth in the 200-yard breast event.

Montana lost only one meet in seven outings in 1970.